

Government Operations Committee 2

Amendment No. 3 to HB0126

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 161*

House Bill No. 126

by deleting 49-1-1204(a)(4) of Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

(4) Annually administer to scholarship students in grades three through ten (3-10) either a nationally norm-referenced test identified by the state board of education or the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests or any future replacements of the TCAP tests. The tests should, at a minimum, measure learning in mathematics and English language arts;

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting 49-1-1206 of Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

(a) Notwithstanding § 10-7-504(a)(4); the Data Accessibility, Transparency and Accountability Act; or the Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act, as provided by 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, the office of research and education accountability (OREA), or an organization chosen by OREA, shall annually produce and publish a report, in compliance with all state and federal privacy laws, to be made available on the websites of the comptroller and department pursuant to § 49-1-1202. Report findings shall be aggregated by the students' grade level, gender, family income level, number of years of participation in the program, and race. The report shall include:

(1) Student performance on state achievement tests or nationally norm-referenced tests, including learning gains; and

(2) High school graduation rates.

(b) In creating the report, OREA or an organization chosen by OREA, shall:

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(1) Apply appropriate analytical behavioral science methodologies to ensure public confidence in the study; and

(2) Protect the identity of participating students including keeping all disaggregated data anonymous.

(c) OREA shall provide the chair of the senate education committee, the chair of the house of representatives education administration and planning committee, and the chair of the house of representatives education instruction and programs committee with a final copy of the report required in this section.